

Raising Virtuous Children

Semester Wrap Up

1. Do My Children Belong to Me?
A. No, I am merely an ambassador of the message, methods and character of Christ.
2. What's The Best Source of Parenting Advice?
A. God Himself who is completely sovereign and infinitely wise
3. What is the Purpose of Parenting?
A. To shepherd our children's hearts to love and obey God.
4. What If I'm Not Up to the Task?
A. God's grace will empower you exactly when and where you need it.
5. Will They Ever Do What I Say?
A. Maybe but, it's not about behavior; it's about their heart.
6. How Can I Shape Their Character?
A. By teaching them to fill their hearts with the worship of God alone
7. How Should I Approach Discipline?
A. By seeking to understand the "why" behind the misbehavior through rich communication and firm correction, not punishment, that rescues them from danger and restores the relationship broken by sin.
8. How Do Family Dynamics Impact Discipline?
A. Prioritizing your marriage models grace, love and forgiveness
9. How Can I Foster Rich Lifelong Relationships with My Kids?
A. By building spiritually vibrant homes that align our family passions with God's

Small Group Questions

1. Discuss the busyness of our culture and how it impacts our parenting. What changes do you need to make so that you are able to find margin and rest in God's mercy and grace?
2. Share a change that you already made in your parenting this semester and how it is working out.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.